

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL
DECEMBER 18, 2014**

Present: William Kohlman, Amy Rebecca Gay, Jamal De Vita, Dawn Capello
Administrators: Dr. Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent, Peter DiCicco, Business Advisor

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Gay to accept the minutes of December 4, 2014. Change Assabet Collaborative to Assabet Regional Technical High School. 2nd by Ms. Capello. Motion passed 4-0 with correction..

Chairman's Report

Mr. Kohlman and Dr. Gerardi attended the Board of Selectmen meeting, and the board voted that all school committee members are now special municipal employees. This status is in effect until rescinded.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi congratulated the staff and students of WAVM for another successful telethon. Dr. Gerardi received a letter from (CHPS) the Collaborative for High Performing Schools identifying that the energy efficiency at MHS has certified our school as achieving CHPS verified leader status. We are one of only three schools in Massachusetts to achieve this standard.

Student Representative Report

Janal Carr reported that winter sports at the high school had started and the band and chorus concert was December 17.

Conor McCarthy reported that the WAVM telethon raised over \$37K in donations and the final total should be over \$38K. Over 500 families received assistance from the telethon.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. O'Leary reported that the SEPAC had their successful holiday social on December 8 with over 50 people there. She thanked Dr. Gerardi, Jill Greene and Justin Hemm for stopping by.

Maynard Athletics Baseball Scoreboard Approval

Mr. Caruso, Athletic Director submitted an application for Scoreboard Sponsorship for the baseball field behind the high school. The form requires prior approval from the school committee to allow Mr. Caruso to move forward. A motion was made by Dr. Gay to approve Mr. Caruso and other administration to apply for the baseball scoreboard and to allow Middlesex Bank to advertise and be the sole sponsor of the scoreboard. 2nd by Ms. Capello.

FY16 Budget

There were preliminary discussions around :

- Fowler Music Teacher (strings) should be a choral teacher.
- SPED transportation
- Computer hardware
- Tech Committee is looking at Bright Bytes.

Approval of Budget Letter to Board of Selectmen

The date in the first sentence needs to be changed.

A motion was made by Mr. De Vita to accept the letter with date amendment to go forward to the Maynard Board of Selectmen. 2nd by Ms. Capello. Motion passed 4-0

Appointment of School Committee Member to the MHS Building Committee

Although the Maynard High School building is complete, the building committee is still active. A motion was made by Mr. Kohlman to appoint Mr. Hemm to serve on the building committee effective immediately, unless he declines, then Dr. De Vita will serve on the committee. 2nd Dr. De Vita.

Policies 2nd Reading

Policies #215 and #637 were tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. De Vita to approve Policies #404, #406, #570, #603, #603.1. 2nd by Ms. Capello. Motion passed 4-0.

CASE Collaborative Annual Report

The committee reviewed the CASE Collaborative Annual Report and the Annual Financial Statements.

Citizen's Comments

Mrs. Thayer asked if the school committee would consider posting their packets on-line.

The committee agreed to posting policies and budget documents also on-line.

Members Comments/Questions

Mr. Kohlman asked the status of the Coolidge move to Fowler.

Mr. DiCicco answered we are moving on December 29. The phone system is installed and we are waiting for the security system to be finished.

There is no further update on the status of the food pantry at this time.

Ms. Capello said there were in-coming kindergarten parents who are offering their painting services in the kindergarten wing.

What is the current status of the skate park at Green Meadow?

Dr. Gay stated that Fowler needs some painting also. There is water damage on the 2nd floor ceiling tiles.

Dr. Gay wanted to make sure there was a maintenance plan for painting and repairs.

Where are we on the disposition of Coolidge? Dr. Gerardi said we will have that on the first agenda in January.

A motion was made by Ms. Capello to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote at 7:52 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. 2nd by Dr. De Vita.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent